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On the Street

By "Dique"

No, we do not publish everything appearing in the old issues of the Messenger, ten, twenty and forty years ago. If we did, fear we would be looking for the tail and uncut timber of West Fork.

Time was when girls and women were not allowed to frequent the bar-rooms in Texas—today, they are hired to sell liquor and beer to beardless boys at every honkey-tonk in the state. Times do change.

If all the money—Dinero, meaning the same, taken by reckless and poor book-keeping county officials were returned to the proper till, the sublime old county would be deep in the black and every day would bring peace and contentment to the tax-payer.

Sooner or later, as certain as death and taxes, if you have some other fellow's money jingling in your pocket, you will make amends, somehow, somewhere; this is a rule that has been enforced since the first steal. The account will be "squared" sometime; probably not as you would "square" it, but it will be "squared."

Sixty and seventy pound watermelons are finding a ready sale in Decatur. Says Gordon Renshaw, dealer, and he says they are superior to anything grown over in Parker county. We hear that much of the fame and glory that county is getting from its red-checked peaches and delicious and delightful watermelons are grown this side of the Wise-Parker line. So, it is said.

We commend the out-door life on and around our magnificent lake to the west. Believe it or not, a Decatur lady in failing health and told by the attending physician that she should live in the open for awhile, took camp near Bridgeport lake, and in six months gained in weight, 99 to 140, with a healthy "bloom of youth" glow in her face.

Philanthropy with a vengeance! A prominent and wealthy business man of Louisiana, a Mr. Weiss, is noted for his "charity" to the churches and hospitals of his state. An investigation shows that the gentleman has waxed rich and powerful in business by paying those who work for him starvation wages. Clerks in his stores receive 75 cents per day, and his managers and directors get the magnificent wage of \$75 per month. Last week, so reports say, Weiss gave \$100,000 to an orphanage.

The Kansas City board of education has thrown John Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath" into the sewer, declaring it "obscene and indecent." The book portrays hardships of dust bowl refugees, and is said to be one of the most rotten and cheap pieces of literature ever given to the reading public, yet it has a tremendous sale, "among a certain class of people." The Kansas City board of education says: This "indecent and obscene" book is allowed to pass thru the mails, yet, the honorable postoffice department will ban a newspaper from its mails if anything pertaining to a game of luck or chance is printed in its columns. Funny how they do things up Washington-way, sometimes.

Here is the common sense advice given by a Missouri editor to the girls of his town: Don't hang around the depot unless you are going away or there to meet friends. Don't go to church and take a back seat with your escort and then whisper and giggle through the service. Don't be loud, boisterous or slangy. Stand on your dignity; don't form new acquaintances quickly. Be womanly, be thoughtful and serious at times. Don't unsex yourself and thus lose woman's sweetest charm. Don't regard your long-legged brother as a nuisance; don't turn up your nose at your old fashioned father and his poor grammar, and above all, don't play "A Hot Time" on the piano while your good old mother is having a "hot time" at the wash tub with your dirty duds—it's too suggestive.

Decatur's colored population is of a better class at present than it has been for a number of years. The bad and vicious element has been weeded out, and the colored citizens who dwell here now over in "Quaker Town" is a good and law-abiding group. Of course, here and there you

JURY DISAGREES IN THIRD CASE

Another Birdwell Trial Results in Hung Jury In District Court

The third Abe Birdwell trial, tried last week before Judge Carter, resulted in a hung jury, 8 to 4, majority of the jurors standing for Mr. Birdwell's claims.

In this trial there were four counts and the petition for removal. Three of them were for misapplication of public money, and the fourth count charged him with accepting a commission on a truck that was sold to the county. The trial was for the purpose of making permanent an order of the district judge temporarily suspending Birdwell. The jury was discharged.

This was the third trial growing out of all the complaints, and was the third hung jury.

No more trials will be held this term of court, so says Judge Carter, according to a statement of Attorney H. E. Lobdell, who is representing Mr. Birdwell along with Attorney Woodruff.

Each of these trials is costing the tax-payers between \$600 and \$750.

Hi-Way Patrol Will Issue License in Decatur

The state highway patrol announces that, owing to a reduction in its force, Decatur will be visited each Friday from 8 to 9:30 a. m. by a representative to issue driver's and chauffeur's licenses, and those desiring these license are requested to meet the patrolmen at the courthouse at this hour. The patrol has headquarters in Wichita Falls and these meetings are held at several towns in the district. Remember the time, each Friday from 8 to 9:30 a. m.

Bowen Buses Will Run on New Highway

The R. C. Bowen Motor Bus Co., of Fort Worth, own a franchise for a bus line between Decatur and Denton, and Colonel Bowen informs the Messenger that just as soon as the highway is completed and in ship-shape between the two towns he will begin a regular schedule. He says he hopes to have his buses running by Sept. 1. With a regular schedule and buses of the Bowen type operating between Decatur and Denton, a long, long dream will be realized. Decatur and community students of the two big colleges in Denton will appreciate this service.

Singing Meeting to Be Held at Bridgeport

There will be singing at Bridgeport, First Baptist church, Sunday afternoon, August 27, at 2:30, all singers are invited.

FRANK NEWTON

NOTICE PUBLIC MARKET

The city has leased the lot in front of the jail for people who have hay, cows, hogs, trucks and vehicles that are not allowed to park on the public square. Mr. Carl Christian has consented for the city to use the lot.

will find those who like to gather in some quiet nook or cellar and engage in the seductive past-time called "craps," or can a little "dutch suds," but these are few and far between. Our colored citizens have their clubs and gather two or three times a week and enjoy themselves, and their latest amusement is the dance platform erected in the very center of the "Town" by Elcee Spencer, a well-known and popular resident of that community. And, by the way, they are developing two youngsters over there who are destined to bring fame to the race, in two little black citizens, six and seven years of age, as dancers of clog and the modernistic honkey-tonk steps. These children are Odell Minor and Pauline Brooks, whose parents are good citizens of "Quaker."

WILSON TO HOLD REVIVAL HERE

Eloquent Baptist Minister Starts Meeting Sunday Morning



REV. GILBERT WILSON

Next Sunday morning at 11:00 a. m. Brother Gilbert Wilson will begin a tent revival, the meeting is to be sponsored by the Fundamental Baptist church of Decatur, Texas, of which Rev. Loys Vess is the pastor.

The tent will be erected just west of Mrs. George Foster's feed mill on West Main street, where Rev. John R. Rice held a meeting several years ago that resulted in the establishing of the Fundamental Baptist church. All churches of the city, and community, and their pastors are invited to cooperate in this meeting in an unselfish effort to win lost souls.

Brother Wilson is well known here, having been raised near Decatur, and is a former pastor of the local church; his messages are timely and true to the scripture, and the public is invited to come and help out with the singing which will be done by the local forces. The evening services will be under the tent at 8:00 p. m. each evening, with morning services in the tabernacle. A warm welcome awaits all who will come.

Rhyme Club Has Year Book Printed

The job department of the Messenger is this week printing the annual year book of the Rhyme Thursday Study Club, and is one of the most beautiful and attractive books we have ever published. The Rhyme club is one of the most outstanding literary organizations in the state, composed of ladies living in the vicinity of Rhome. The officers of this progressive and wide-awake club are: President, Mrs. Harold B. Van Meter; vice-president, Mrs. C. E. Shaw; secretary, Mrs. L. Wayne Renshaw; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. W. Finlayson; treasurer, Mrs. J. P. Morris; parliamentarian, Mrs. J. D. Burch; critic, Mrs. Carl Slay. Members of the club are as follows:

Mrs. J. D. Burch
Mrs. Joel R. Chambers
Mrs. John R. Dunn
Mrs. Loyd R. Douglas
Mrs. J. W. Finlayson
Mrs. O. T. Finlayson
Mrs. S. H. Gaston
Mrs. Marvin Holt
Mrs. Thurman Hudnall
Mrs. Harry Logan
Mrs. Dale Mayers
Mrs. J. Pugh Morris
Mrs. J. H. McGlothlin
Mrs. John W. Naugle
Mrs. C. A. Nichols
Mrs. L. W. Renshaw
Mrs. L. Wayne Renshaw
Mrs. C. E. Shaw
Mrs. Carl W. Slay
Mrs. A. B. Van Meter
Mrs. H. B. Van Meter
Mrs. D. O. Wilbur
Mrs. Joe Wren

Associate members are:

Miss Lois Walker
Miss Georgia Robertson
Mrs. Jack Manning.

Jim Smith Will Coach at St. Mary

Jim Smith, a product of the Decatur schools, has been called to coach athletics at St. Mary's University, San Antonio, and according to the football schedule for the coming season, the St. Marys are to have many interesting games with some of the outstanding teams of the Southwest. Several games are to be played with strong teams in other states. Jim has made quite a reputation as coach and his services are in demand.

LIONS CLUB WILL STAGE CARNIVAL

Money Taken in Will Be Contributed to Sweet Charity

Pile the children in your fliver, throw aside your dignity and prepare for the time of your life when the Lions carnival comes to Decatur. Its to be on the nights of August 31 and September 1 on the lot across from the Lions Club, and every fun-lover from border to border of Wonderful Wise is expected to attend.

There will be sideshows, fortune telling, a ducking Sambo, horse shoe pitching, peanuts, pop corn, and all your favorite carnival gaudies.

There's to be a Queen of the Carnival chosen and crowned with all regal splendor. This queen will be picked from representatives from Decatur and surrounding towns. The winning girl and her escort will be given a free trip to Casa Manana, which is truly a worthy prize.

Its for a worthy purpose too, and when you feel that you're helping the blind and needy, sending worthy children to school and helping to improve your community by just having a good time—you just can't resist coming.

Hurry to the carnival when it first begins and join with us in singing: "We went to the Big Lions Fair"

And all of the folks were there, We played and we wooed and pitched the horse shoes

Till no one remembered a care."

Texas State College Graduate Teach Here



MISS GEORGIA MAE WILLIAMS

Georgia Mae Williams of Lamesa, a June graduate of Texas State College for Women, has just been employed to serve next year as a teacher of the second grade in the Decatur school system.

Miss Williams, who took her bachelor of science degree in kindergarten-primary education and minored in Spanish, was well-known on the TSCW campus, having served as president and vice-president of the Adelphean Social Club and held membership in the Round Table organization, the Kindergarten-Primary Education club and the YWCA. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Williams of Lamesa and a graduate of Lamesa high school.

Mrs. Rogers Entertains Society at Home

The Methodist Missionary Society met Monday at 2:30 with Mrs. T. G. Rogers. After the business two lovely violin numbers were given by Mrs. Connolly and Jane Keith, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Gordon Roberts. Mr. Loveless gave a vocal number.

Mrs. Connolly, who having lived and worked with Bro. Connolly at Payne College, our colored school in Augusta Ga., told of our college and its work there and opened our eyes to many things we were ignorant of.

Mrs. Dick Collins gave a review of Charles Sheldon's book, In His Steps. A lovely plate lunch was served to 50 members and guests.

There will be no meeting of the Missionary society until the first Monday in September, when the society will meet in circles.

John Smith, the impersonator, a local boy who has enjoyed a splendid success with traveling shows throughout the country, has returned from an engagement in Oklahoma and Missouri. He will remain here until next season.

FARMERS MEET AT BRIDGEPORT

Watershed Residents to Organize to Conserve Soil in Wise County

Every land owner in Wise county whose properties lie west of the Ft. Worth and Denver railroad and from which the natural drainage is into the West Fork of the Trinity river has a concern in the hearing to be held in the school gymnasium at Bridgeport at 2 o'clock p. m., Thursday, August 31, on the subject of the organization of a soil conservation district in the West Fork watershed under the new state law.

Present at the hearing will be members of the new state board for soil and water conservation who will have authority to create a soil conservation district in the side of this county provided sufficient evidence of the need of such district is presented at the hearing by the concerned citizenship, and citizens and leaders of this county on whom the obligation has fallen to present the evidence of need.

It is perhaps needless to remark that few farm sections in the whole country have been worn down and abused to the extent that destruction has been visited on the western part of Wise county. Land injury is so grave and widespread that its owners are all but powerless to proceed with its restoration and its final salvation for present and future generations is a problem that essentially must be submitted the federal and state authority for solution.

The federal government, especially, can or will attempt restorative measures unless districts are organized in accordance with the new state law on the subject. It is to present a petition for such organization that the hearing will be held in Bridgeport next Thursday.

It should be understood that suggested aid in reclamation is neither promised nor guaranteed. But possibly eventually it will be asked for and those who have studied the provisions recognize that a district must be created as a necessary requirement.

It should be understood also that the assessment of taxes and the flotation of bonds to secure money to be spent in the restoration of land would be illegal and unwarranted under the state law and may not be resorted to.

All property owners in the area mentioned are urged to attend the Bridgeport hearing next Thursday.

Guardsmen Returned From Coast Camp

The National Guardsmen of the 2nd battalion, headquarters battery of the 131 field artillery, left August 5th for their annual encampment at Camp Huilen, Palacios, Texas. They returned Sunday, August 20th.

The following are the guardsmen of Decatur: Captain Gordon D. Roberts, 1st. Lieut. Chas. A. Cates, 2nd Lieut. White Hampton, 1st. Sgt. Arthur R. Nobles, Sgt. Charley Burton, Bryan Mann, Leslie C. Ford, Cameron Milligan, Corp. Howard Hall, Theodore Kendrick, Raymond T. Owens, Edwin Shaw, Privates Alton Brawner, Claud Meadors, J. D. White, Gus Arrington, Lawrence Brown, J. D. Buck, Parnal Bubanks, Paul Green, Thomas N. Gibbons, Bill Hudson, Edwin Lasler, Marlin Lewis, W. R. Neighbors, Lee Raspberry, T. J. Setles, Donald Smith, James Thompson, Paul Tucker and Johnnie Vaughn.

Decatur College to Have New Bus

The faculty and friends of Decatur Baptist College have bought a new bus for the college to be used by athletic teams in making their trips and for use in transporting students from nearby towns. It has a capacity of 42 passengers and is to be painted a soft light green color with black trimming. "Decatur Baptist College," will be painted on the body in gold letters.

Eagles Leave for Mineral Wells Training

The Eagles are leaving next Wednesday for football training camp at Mineral Wells.

They are placing drop boxes in each grocery store. If any one wishes to drop any type of groceries, such as corn, tomatoes, beans, peas, potatoes, breakfast food, etc. into these boxes, it will be very much appreciated by the coaches and the boys.

BUY IT IN DECATUR

NOTES FROM THE COUNTY AGENT

BY D. F. EATON

Poultry and Green Feeds
"A poultry flock without green feeds or green feed substitutes is a poultry flock without profits."

This flat statement comes from Geo. P. McCarthy, poultry husbandman of the Texas A. & M. college extension service, who points out that research workers are agreed that six of the known vitamins are essential to profitable poultry production, and that of these vitamin A, which comes primarily from green feeds, is the most likely to be deficient in Texas poultry rations.

"Absence of vitamin A, even for a short time, lowers the resistance of the birds to diseases, and over a longer period, brings on the serious condition known as nutritional roup."

Tests with identical lots of 25 white leghorn pullets fed identical diets and supplemented with vitamin A showed that one lot without vitamins produced only 682 eggs while another lot supplemented with green alfalfa was producing 3,021 eggs.

Fresh green feeds are the most economical source of vitamin A. McCarthy says. Most commonly used are alfalfa, barley, oats, wheat, lettuce, swiss chard, sudan grass, kale, and Johnson grass. Vitamin content is highest before the woody or mature stage is reached.

Yellow and red carrots, yellow corn and dried green, such as alfalfa meal, alfalfa leaf meal, and cured alfalfa or peanut hay are also sources of vitamin A. Freshness, color, and freedom from excessive stems are indication of high vitamin content.

Several cod-liver oils are good sources of vitamin A, but poultrymen should investigate the content and buy only those oils that have been tested.

The above information comes from Geo. P. McCarthy, Poultry Husbandman of the A. & M. college, College Station, Texas.

Market Farm Grains as Pork at Better Prices

Swine experiments conducted at the Texas A. & M. College Agricultural Experiment Station show that on the average one can produce one hundred pounds of pork for about 340 pounds of corn, milo, or kafir; 25 pounds of cottonseed meal; and 25 pounds of tankage. With the present prices this much tankage and cottonseed meal will cost one dollar and five cents (\$1.05). The overhead, including labor, taxes, insurance, veterinary services and equipment, will amount to about one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) for the 100 pounds of pork produced. This gives a total of two dollars and thirty cents (\$2.30) that the farmer must have in addition to the 340 pounds of grain producing each 100 pounds of pork. Hogs are now selling for \$6.50 per 100 lbs. On this basis, the farmer would get \$4.50 for the 340 pounds of grain feed which amounts to seventy-four cents (\$0.74) per bushel of corn.

Farmers that have the proper facilities, and who have a practical working knowledge of hog production can get these results. Undoubtedly, one of the first requirements for successfully feeding hogs is to have good hogs, free from disease, and with a frame and the inherent qualities to make good goings. The Texas experiments show that hogs will make faster gains in weather where the temperature is around 55 to 60 degrees, than they will in summer temperatures of around 85 degrees. Summer-fed pigs are making good gains when they gain at the rate of 1.5 lbs. per day. In order to get the most efficient gains, therefore, it will be necessary to have equipment that will keep the hogs as comfortable as possible in winter and in summer. Plenty of good shade and quarters free from dust are necessary for summer feeding, and in winter the sleeping and feeding quarters for the pigs should be dry and free from cold draughts. These precautions are necessary in order for the pigs to make the most efficient use of their grain.

The pigs cannot utilize grain to best advantage where they are infested with internal and external parasites. Feeder pigs should be treated for worms before they are placed on feed, and if the pigs are seen scratching or rubbing their heads and sides against post or fences, you may be sure the pigs need treatment for lice or mange. By overlooking these points one may not be able to feed his grain to pigs at a profit.

The Texas experiments show, too, that green pasture is necessary for pigs from birth until they weigh about 100 pounds, if they are to grow and fatten efficiently into a 200-lb. market hog. Where one buys a bunch

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of feeder pigs weighing around 75 pounds, it is necessary that he find out if such pigs have had access to green pasture. If he finds that they have not, it will be profitable for him to include some choice alfalfa meal in the protein supplement. We find that a good protein supplement for such conditions may be provided by mixing 40 pounds of tankage, 40 pounds of cottonseed meal, and 20 pounds of choice alfalfa meal. This protein supplement and either shelled corn, milo, or kafir may be fed in self feeders, free choice with good results. A good mineral mixture and plenty of clean water are also necessary for the pigs, if they are to make the most efficient use of their grain.

Where a farmer has as much as a gallon of skim milk per pig per day, he will not need to buy tankage and cottonseed meal to finish the protein supplement. The tests at the Texas station show that 100 pounds of pork may be produced with 275 pounds of grain and 600 pounds of skim milk. In the feeding of skim milk, one should feed it either sweet or sour, but not sweet one day and sour the next.

It may be concluded, therefore, that where one has good hogs, and has a practical knowledge of feeds and feeding of hogs, farm grains may be sold thru hogs at the present farm prices for more money than would be obtained were the grain sold for cash.

The above article was written by Fred Hale, Chief, Division of Swine Husbandry, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, College Station.

Slidell High School Adds to Curriculum

Thru the efforts of the superintendent, Mr. Cantrell Hayes, Slidell high school has added Vocational Agriculture to its present curriculum of studies. Mr. W. W. Carter will be in charge of the new department.

Slidell is located in the extreme eastern portion of Wise county, and in the midst of the blackland prairie region of Texas. This makes a total of eight vocational agriculture departments in this county.

Every farmer in and around Slidell is cordially invited to visit the new department. Furthermore this department is designed to help the farmers and farm boys. So make use of it by bringing your problems to the class or to the teacher.

Texas Beauties to Be At Great Dallas Fair

Dallas, Texas, August 23.—More than fifty Texas beauties, from every point of the compass, will participate in the gorgeous pageant opening day of the 51st state fair of Texas, on October 7. This announcement was made here by Alphonso Ragland Jr., member of the pageant committee, after a conference with Hal C. Worth, director.

Mr. Worth has just completed a tour of south and west Texas where he reported intense interest already in the event.

Plans for the stage setting for the Coronation of the Queen of Queens in the massive cotton bowl at 7:30 p. m., all free to fair visitors, was also announced.

The setting is to be in silver and gold relief of the Oriental type. Thousands of feet of scenery will be built and flowers in profusion of varied foliage will enhance the garden setting.

A highlight of the coronation will be 150 girls representing a cellophane court with illuminated arches thru which the Queens and their retinue will march. Floats, bearing the Queens which will pass in review thru downtown Dallas at noon, will carry the royal beauty to the Cotton Bowl at night, depositing these in the royal setting where the Bluebonnet Queen will be crowned.

This highlight of opening day entertainment and pageantry will be free. A special musical score, synchronizing with the pageant play, will be

interspersed with dancing numbers as the program progresses.

The Queen crowned at this ceremonial is assured of a screen test in Hollywood.

College Aid Jobs Help Needy Students

J. C. Kellam, state NYA administrator announced that the National Youth Administration is again ready to provide part-time jobs for needy students at Decatur Baptist Junior college to help pay part of their way through college next year. Applications, he said, for NYA college and graduate aid jobs during the coming school year should be made directly to Dr. J. L. Ward, president of the college.

An NYA college and graduate aid survey for 1938-39 which was released this week revealed that eight students out of a total of 22 at Decatur Baptist Junior college holding NYA part-time jobs last semester graduated.

According to the state administrator, 72 white colleges and universities of Texas participated in NYA's college and graduate aid program during the 1938-39 school year, providing part-time employment for 6,808 needy students, and 713 students in 12 Texas negro colleges earned their way thru school by holding an NYA part-time job.

Typical NYA college aid work activities, according to the survey, included campus improvements, clerical work, construction work, library and research assistants, and improvement and development of recreational facilities.

"The success of the NYA college and graduate aid program is a tribute to the untiring efforts of Texas educators," Mr. Kellam said. "These men and women are responsible for the proper functioning of this phase of our work. The design the work to be done and select the needy students to do it. They have seen to it that it is work that is beneficial to both the individual student and the institution he attends. At the same time, they have not displaced any regular employee."

Steinbeck's Novel is Thrown Out of Library

Kansas City, Kansas, Aug. 23.—The board of education removed John Steinbeck's best selling novel, "Grapes of Wrath," from the public library after Ira S. Gardener, a member, branded it "obscene and indecent."

The book portrays hardships of the dust bowl refugees.

Miss Anette Moore, one of four voting for the ban, declared "it portrays life in such a bestial way."

Protested Ludwig Graves, one of the two opposing the ban:

"We'll be the only public library in the country that won't have a copy."

Deputy Sheriff Workman and daughters have returned from a trip to Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete O'Neal, daughter and son, Laverne and Jerry, were visitors in Fort Worth Tuesday.

Twenty-one picked beauties make up the line for the French Revue, an attraction of the Rubin and Cherry Midway shows at the 51st State Fair of Texas, Dallas, October 7 to 22.

Christ walking on the Sea of Galilee, and other Holy Land scenes will be depicted in a special exhibit which has been assured the 51st. State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 7 to 22.

Well educated men, such as librarians, biographers, engineers and editors, have a working knowledge of not less than 50,000 words, it is estimated.

Homemade bread makes up only 10 per cent of the total consumed in the United States today. Fifteen years ago, 40 per cent was baked at home. Dextrine, plus properly balanced ingredients, keeps the wholesaler's bread soft and fresh.

Always be sure that the tires are up to the recommended pressure when having your automobile brakes tested, since this will result in more satisfactory equalization of the brakes.

The population of Greater Toronto, Ontario, has been estimated at 855,235. The city proper has twelve suburban municipalities.

It is estimated that there is enough water locked up in the ice of the earth's polar regions to raise the

world's sea level about 150 feet. This would destroy Holland, flood the lower Mississippi valley and ruin every harbor in the world.

Four eastern textile mills are clamoring for engineers from Texas Technological college, but M. E. Head, head professor of textile engineering, announces all graduates of the department are employed.

Each year, Canadian smokers account for 700 cigarets and 14 cigars

each. Nearly seven billion cigarets are consumed in that country annually.

The south magnetic pole of the earth has not been reached. It is located in Antarctica, at about 72 degrees south and 155 degrees, 16 minutes east.

Ninety-eight per cent of milk is assembled by the human body, scientific tests show. Digestive action on

milk is quicker than on meat, eggs, or fish.

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525-18	12.85	8.25	4.60	12.00	6.95	5.05	9.65	6.49
550-17	13.95	8.95	5.00	13.20	7.25	5.45	10.45	6.85
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State Board is Given Testimony On Soil Loss in Hearing Here in Behalf of Conservation District in This Area

Testimony on erosion ravage that is costing Denton and the surrounding district an estimated two and one quarter million dollars annually through steadily decreasing farm fertility was presented here today for benefit of the state soil conservation board.

From Denton and four neighboring counties, representatives discussed statistics they had gathered for the program, which was the public hearing on the big Denton-Elm creek-White Rock soil reclamation project for which state and federal assistance is being sought.

The state board, presided over by Chairman V. C. Marshall of Temple, heard the story then moved on to Gainesville where this afternoon at a similar public hearing they are to hear data on the three other counties in the project district.

If convinced sufficient need and opportunity for the conservation project exists, the board has authority under the new Texas soil law to call a vote of land owning farmers and if the project carries that by the required majority the board can then order the project created.

No Opposition Heard

The threat to future agriculture and its losses today in Denton, Collin, Dallas, Tarrant and Wise counties were described here Wednesday morning.

Marshall presided over the meeting in the municipal building, and he was assisted by W. G. Kennedy of Muleshoe, member of the state board, and Charles C. McCamy, chairman of the Denton county soil conservation advisory committee.

County agents and vocational agricultural teachers, county officials, chamber of commerce representatives and plain dirt farmers were present, filling the auditorium in behalf of not only the five counties directly concerned with this public hearing, but all eight counties in the project district.

From first to last, the speakers urged and pledged support to the project, terming it the most significant move in the history of American farming.

No opposition to the plan, or suggestion that some other route to land reclamation be taken, was voiced. The presiding chairman at the close of the meeting called for any criticism of the project but roused no speaker.

The data discussed by each speaker had been brought in written form and these documents were filed for later study by the state board.

Termed Major Problem

The Texas code is unique among those of the 37 states having soil laws in that it is the only one controlled and operated by the farmers themselves, Kennedy told the audience.

The state board is not urging any program, is only going about to secure data and learn farmer sentiment, he reminded.

That the project is wanted by the sections they represented was without exception stressed by the speakers Wednesday, and the forecast a wasted Texas farm land similar to pre-

sent conditions in China unless erosion is checked.

Dr. B. B. Harris of Teachers College, sponsor of the first soil conservation course to be given in college, discussed losses in wildlife and game from erosion ravage, urged that "good soil means good crops, and good crops mean a prosperous people." He told of the amounts of water per acre land must receive and hold available to crops to insure productive yields.

Nature's Work Undone

George Jenkins of Celina, Collin county, pointed out nature requires 500 years to build up one inch of topsoil, asserted 20 years of erosion can wipe out the soil product of a million years and added:

"The annual loss per acre by erosion in this section is estimated at 3 dollars. It means that in this proposed district, farmers are losing \$2,250,000 each year."

County Commissioner Tom Fields from Dallas, County Agent M. C. Counts from Fort Worth and A. C. Bennett of Wise county spoke for those sections. Dick Wall of Grapevine, Gus H. Egan of Denton as president of the Denton County Agricultural association, Jesse N. Gearreald of Denton CCC camp, Paul Walker of the State Soil Conserva-

tion Service and C. Hohn, soil specialist for the A. & M. college extension service, also spoke.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

Col. Henry Leonard Visits Friends Here

Col. Henry Leonard, one of Vernon's prominent and substantial citizens, was in the city this week, visiting with Frank Turner of the First National Bank. Speaking of Vernon, his home-town, Col. Leonard said, "We have one of the best towns in the west, and a number of former Wise county people are assisting in making it a bigger and better town. You have a good town here, in Decatur, and it is a genuine pleasure to come back and visit with my old friends."

Church of Christ to Hold Gospel Meeting

A series of gospel meetings begins at Boyd, Texas next Monday night, August 28th, by Willard Morrow of the Church of Christ from Hillsboro.

Bro. Morrow is widely known in this vicinity, as he preached here before at Rhame, Decatur, Alvord and Bridgeport, and maybe some other places around. I do not know. No one ever heard him once but what would like to hear him again. So this is another opportunity for you to hear him again.

A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Sampsons Have Family Reunion at Lake Bridgeport

The family of W. M. Sampson had a family reunion August 4th, 5th and 6th, with all 12 children present, also 16 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Mr. Sampson is a native of Hunt county, Texas and has never lived outside the state. He will be 90 years old on October 6th. He makes his home in Kilgore, Texas with his son, W. K. Sampson.

Those present were Mrs. H. A. Mansfield, Mrs. E. L. Ford, Greenville, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Cathey and children, J. C. Roy and Ross of Colema, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Fate Hale and children, Vestal and Billie, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ford, Mrs. Herman Leake of Greenville, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Sampson and H. H. Jr., of Azle, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Sampson and son, Kellis Wayne of Kilgore, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Sampson of Arlington, Texas; Mrs. R. D. Gilworth and son, Rex, of Alfalfa, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Reed Buffington and daughter, Peggy, L. W. and S. K. Sampson, Mr. and Mrs. Chaise Elder and daughter, Carolyn, of Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Williams and children, Jackie Mae and Richard Warner, of Stratford, Texas; and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Montford and daughter, Sue Nan of Bridgeport, Texas.

Eight of the presidents of the United States were born in Virginia and seven of them in Ohio.

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"Our Country In her intercourse with foreign nations, may she always be in the right; but our country, right or wrong." —Stephen Decatur.

Thursday, August 24, 1939

Ten Years Ago

Taken From Files of Messenger

Miss Isabelle Hunt returned last week from Baylor University, where she has been attending summer school.

Miss Maxine and Olive Collins of Alvord, were visiting in Decatur last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hill of Denton attended the funeral of J. M. Kerr here last week.

Mrs. Holly Renshaw and daughter, Miss Martha Elizabeth, were in Fort Worth Sunday.

Miss Mary Frances Brady of Fort Worth, is a guest this week of her cousins, Misses Laura Frances and Eva Ruth Brady.

Miss Margaret Bell arrived here Tuesday from New York City, where she has been attending the summer session of Columbus University.

John Greathouse is here from the United States Naval academy, Annapolis, Ind., visiting relatives and friends.

Twenty Years Ago

Taken From Files of Messenger

Mrs. M. H. Below and sons, Hale and Thad, spent the week in Fisher county.

Miss Kate Barker of Fort Worth, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. H. E. Lobdell.

Miss Mildred Renshaw is visiting her cousin, Miss Jennie Bell Renshaw in Bridgeport.

Carl England left Sunday for Eastland, where he is employed with the Eastland Daily Times.

Miss Diana Summers of Stephenville was here Sunday, returning several weeks stay in California.

Alf Brown will take the road in a few days to purchase cottonseed for the Simmons mills in west Texas.

J. Venor Patterson writes from Glen Rose that a most enjoyable time is being had by the Decatur visitors.

Dewey Tyson returned to his home this week, after serving over a year with the Marines, the last six months being spent in Germany.

Mrs. McHenry and daughter, Miss Katherine, have returned to their home in Waurika, Oklahoma, after several weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Davis.

Mrs. R. L. Blankenship and daughter, Miss Valley, together with Mrs. Blankenship's father, Mr. West, left Tuesday for Mangum, Oklahoma to visit relatives.

Capt. Steve Lillard is wearing a very handsome French watch, which was recently presented to him as a token of regard from the members of his Company L, who went over the top with him in France.

Forty Years Ago

Taken from Files of Messenger

J. B. Walker and wife of Muse, were in town Tuesday and called on Messenger.

J. A. Wakefield and family left Monday morning over the Denver, for Seattle, Washington, which place they intend to make their future home. The Messenger will follow them to their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Baumgartner will return this week from an extensive tour of the Pacific slope, they having gone as far as Vancouver, B. C.

Mrs. G. F. Plaxco and little daughter went to Henrietta Monday to visit Mrs. Plaxco's son, Ellis.

Ed Boyd, son of Doc Boyd of Peñan, on Monday got his foot caught in the horse power of a well drill and received a bad wound.

The state apportionment of school funds for the current school year is \$4.25 per capita. After deducting all expenses it will amount to \$4.20 per capita in this county.

tended, and during three years, the collections for that form of social security will remain at one per cent contributed by the employer, and a like amount supplied by the employee.

Provision was made for collecting information on flood control, River and harbor improvement was set at \$3 million on the House, and raised to 407 million in Senate committee, but the bill did not proceed to the floor of the upper body.

It seems to be conceded widely that the session was not a President's congress, yet the budget bureau is quoted as saying that the appropriations amounted to 260 million more than was asked. That is not a bad showing for a man supposed to be licked on the subject of spending. Three hundred bills were left at the White House for signature. Mr. Roosevelt twaded thru more than 60 of them and then left for Hyde Park. Nobody can blame him for the gateway, especially since he took his work with him.

Portugal is the real birthplace of the nekele.

ZEKE SAYS

By Nugent Ezekiel Brown

Austin, Texas.—Wild and weird are the assertions of some of our prominent officials and newspaper writers in connection with crude oil price reductions announced by certain companies buying oil in the southwest. Self-contradictory statements and editorials have puzzled the average citizen. As a local man says: "Nobody will know anything about it when the politicians get through talking." Colonel Ernest O. Thompson, one-time candidate for governor and now chairman of the interstate oil commission referred to the price cut as a "100-million dollar steal," then admitted, in the same speech, that many buyers are maintaining the old price. He asked Governor O'Daniel to call a special session to study the problem, to which the governor aptly replied: "that is your job, take care of it." Since the state receives between 11 and 12 million in oil production taxes, the 15-day shut down will cost the state four or five times as much as an entire year of the price cut which the shut-down is designed to cure. Just how a 5-cent tax, advocated by Thompson, will help the producers and the million Texans who depend on the industry for a living is hard to figure as they would be the losers that much more.

While the Humble Company is now being accused of everything bringing about the crisis, it is interesting to read a statement issued by President, H. C. Weiss of that company in which he reveals the company had kept its posted price up for more than a year after lower prices were paid for the Illinois crude, which is producing 300,000 barrels daily. "On August 11, the total volume of oil moving at prices below those of the Humble company was approximately 668,000 barrels," says President Weiss. "The price of oil, like that of other commodities, is subject to change with market conditions. To continue in business, we cannot, over a long period of time, pay higher

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SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF WISE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain alias execution issued out of the Honorable Justice Court of Tarrant County, on the 2nd day of August, 1939, by Frank Hurley, Justice of the Peace of said Court for the sum of one hundred twenty-five and 35-100 dollars and costs of suit, under a judgement, in favor of Moss and McCaulley in a certain cause in said Court, No. 61,337 and styled Moss and McCaulley vs. E. M. Miller, placed in my hands for service, I George Young as Sheriff of Wise County, Texas, did, on the 2nd day of August, 1939, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Wise County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Being 137½ acres of land out of the John Jordan survey in Wise County, Texas beginning at the Southwest corner; a stone north of the Rock Island Railway 19 vrs. a telephone post 33 vrs. south east corner at public road crossing; this land is on the east side of the Killough tract of 200 acres running north 977 vrs. to a stone, for the Northwest corner; Thence East 626 vrs. to the Northeast corner, thence south 1315 to the S. E. corner in the public road; thence West 726 vrs. to the place of beginning, containing 137½ acres of land, and being the same land described in the instrument Lillian F. Colvin Collard and husband to E. M. Miller and wife of record in Vol. 117 page 319 of the deed records of Wise County, Texas.

And levied upon as the property of E. M. Miller and that on the first Tuesday in September, 1939, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door of Wise County, in the City of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. by virtue of said levy and said alias execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said E. M. Miller.

And in compliance with law, I will give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger, newspaper published in Wise County.

Witness my hand, this 2nd day of August, 1939.

GEORGE YOUNG, Sheriff Wise County, Texas.

prices than competitors. "It will have to be admitted, in fairness to all, that the Humble Co. has far too much at stake in its investments in Texas to wish to maintain the lower price any longer than is absolutely necessary."

Insurance Investigation Ends

While Fire Insurance Commissioner Marvin Hall "reared" back in a chair with his feet on the table used in the committee room for the concluding session of the legislative committee's investigation into fire insurance rates in Texas one day last week, Fire Marshal Ernest A. Wilks of Tyler made the open charge that the method of arriving at the key rate in Texas is "obsolete."

"Requiring a fire alarm system be installed, at a cost of from 50 to 100 thousand dollars, in small towns of Texas is useless and not worth a damn," charged Marshal Wilks, in addressing Chairman Petsch and other members of the committee. "I can cite you 18 towns over 10,000 population that have no fire alarm systems that have better fire records than others in the same class who installed the costly alarm systems. I say it is a gross injustice when five cents is added to the key rate for those towns which do not have this alarm system." The committee, on its last day, heard William Thompson, venerable attorney-lobbyist for the insurance people (a reputed \$25,000 a year official), Judge Olin Culberson of the fireman's group and others. The insurance lobbyist predicted the rates may have to be hiked back up soon, "because the new reduction in three years time will mean losses of six millions in premium revenues." While Judge Culberson, secretary-treasurer of the Texas Firemen and Fire Marshals' association, was on the stand, Committeeman Dewitt Kinard of Port Arthur (whose business at home is as fire insurance agent) asked the judge if it "is not a fact that he is an employee of the Railroad Commission?" Judge Culberson, quickly sensing the implied criticism that he should not take time off his job to appear as a witness at the hearing, replied: "I am on my vacation now, and even if I wasn't on my vacation, I don't think any member of this committee will object to any state employee trying to help save the people of Texas between two and one-half and three million dollars." Judge Culberson, known all over Texas for his whole-hearted work for fire prevention and lower rates, donates all his spare time to the work of the association, making it his hobby. Criticisms of him by an insurance agent will not hurt him even though that agent is a member of the legislature.

Fishing is Good at
Lake Bridgeport
And Camping
Accommodations
Are Best At—
Kendrick's Camp

Business Man Made Good in Politics

Talking about putting business methods in the administration of the affairs of the state government calls to mind a business man from Teague, as a then member of the Board of Control, who supervised the giving away of 116 million dollars in cash and over 100 millions in commodities from the years 1931 to 1937 without even the faintest suspicion of a dollar being mishandled. In fact, the federal government, in an audit of the Texas relief commission released on June 30, 1937, gave the Board a clean bill of health. The business man who made such a record, as some of you know, is none other but John F. Wallace, the "watch-dog" of the state treasury for ten years. Although, Alfred, in his race for the second term, said the Board of Control should not be disturbed, he named another (political debt) when Wallace's term ran out. John Wallace, registered pharmacist, has operated a dry goods business, jewelry store and auto business in Teague for many years. In the legislature for five terms, he was chairman of all important committees at various times. He was author of the first 3-cent gasoline tax which provided first real money for highways. He also was author of law to divide registration fees with counties. He was a co-writer of the first amendment ever added to the Bill of Rights of the 1876 Constitution, an amendment to provide admission of the mentally sick to state hospitals for limited time without trial by jury beforehand. As chief adviser on purchasing, he supervised the spending of a million dollars a month while on the Board of Control. He knows all the markets because he had already been there. When Alfred failed to reappoint him in 1937, the legislature added an appropriation for the job of

state purchasing agent, to give Wallace the place, but Jimmy Allred vetoed the item.

For the good of the state of Texas this is the kind of man the state should seek—his record and experience should not be lost at a time when it is needed so badly in state affairs. When asked if he will run for office again, Wallace says: "If in 17 years my experience doesn't fit me for a job without my seeking it, I do not desire the job." And John Wallace means just that. He stands on a record that is seldom equalled in public life.

One of the biggest pieces of news coming from the investigation of fire insurance rates is that over 300 towns in Texas, those with total premiums less than \$20,000 annually, will benefit from 10 per cent in savings because the maximum good fire record credit has been increased from 15 to 25 per cent. This will affect towns around 3,000 or 4,000 population and smaller.

Down in San Antonio is a publisher of Texas books whose entire time is dedicated to the problem of recording more and more Texana and literature of the southwest. In fact, Joe Naylor, who operates as the Naylor Co., of San Antonio, has been in the business of printing books since the World War. Naylor has one of the most charming, energetic and scintillating personalities of any book publisher anywhere. Today on the library reading tables are some 200 or more of the Naylor books and his magazine, Epic Century, which deals with Texas folks and Texas lore. This fall the company will put out an anthology of Texas verse with poets of the southwest included. Your card will bring you information.

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LOCAL NEWS

Miss Laura Frances Brady of Fort Worth visited here over the week-end.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Wallace spent Sunday in Graham with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Shelby visited Mrs. Baits in Denton Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Arnette are visiting in Waco this week.

Mr. James Blanton of Crafton was in Decatur Tuesday on business.

Miss Jaunita Stepp of Decatur was a Fort Worth visitor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Breedlove spent the week-end in Galveston.

Try a bag of delicious hot popcorn at the City Pharmacy.

Mrs. John Gose visited in Decatur Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vandiver visited in Greenwood Sunday.

J. H. Lynch Jr., of Dallas, visited here Monday.

Miss Ethel Dill of Corsicana is visiting friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Breedlove have returned to their home here.

Dora K. Howard of Greenwood spent the week-end with Laverne O'Neal.

Miss Blanch Tatum of Decatur spent the past week with her parents in Abilene, Texas.

Mrs. Alvin Askey has had an appendicitis operation at Rogers' hospital but is now recovering.

Miss Virginia Loveless has just returned from a two weeks trip in Mexico City.

Miss Jane Loveless is going to Longview to teach in the coming school term.

Mrs. Cliff Harper and son of Fort Worth are visiting her father, C. T. Mays.

Mildred Daniels from Fresno is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Morris.

Bill Terry from Mayfield, Oklahoma is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. L. King and son, George this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Martin of Breckenridge, Texas were visiting friends in the city Thursday.

Walter F. Long of Fort Worth spent the day with friends here Sunday.

Mrs. A. D. Patillo and Mr. and Mrs. Karl Taylor were recent visitors here from Wichita Falls.

Dr. Goldman, wife and daughter visited relatives in Fort Worth Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Neeley visited her relatives in Newark last week-end.

Mrs. Edd Gentry and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Edd Gentry visited relatives in Wichita Falls Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Russell of Vernon visited Mrs. R. L. Blankenship here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Thurmond of Denton and Billie Thurmond Grubbs are on a visit to Arkansas and Missouri.

Granville Steinbaugh, a DBC student of Nevada visited here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Russell and daughter, Miss Margaret of Memphis visited here over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lillard, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Lynch of Dallas, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Jenna Davis and Mrs. Mary Dobson of Rip, visited Mrs. George Cobb here Monday.

Harry Monday and wife, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Crabtree over the week-end.

Mrs. R. E. Neeley of Decatur is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. S. P. Knox, of Justin.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis Jr., left Sunday for a vacation in south Texas.

Charles Allen Cates has returned from camp where he has been for the past few weeks.

Miss Evelyn Kingsley of Greenwood is visiting Miss Eva Jo Carl this week.

Mr. Earl Sargent of Hamilton, student of Decatur Baptist College, is visiting in Decatur this week.

Mrs. Leslie Ford and daughter, Wanda Lou, returned home Tuesday, after a ten-day visit with her sister, Mrs. Orvil Robinson of Wichita Falls.

Miss Dixie Crockett of Sanger and a teacher in the high school here has returned to her home after a visit in California.

Mrs. W. C. Shults, Mrs. Hobart Lane, Mrs. Jack Hickey and Miss Bell Ford were Fort Worth visitors last Friday.

Miss Dycra Crowder of South Texas, is spending her vacation in Decatur with her mother, Mrs. A. M. Crowder.

Rev. R. H. Watkins will leave next Sunday night for Lima, Ohio to drive home a new 42 passenger bus for Decatur Baptist College.

Good seed wheat, Lanmar variety and Bailey barley, also good seed oats for sale.—R. L. Bennett, Decatur.

Mrs. G. W. O'Neal of Decatur celebrated her 73rd birthday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Teague Tuesday, August 15.

Mrs. Charles Payne and son, Clarence, of New Orleans, La., were guests of Mrs. W. L. Dallas the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ayers of Wayne, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Dean of Norman, Oklahoma were visiting Mrs. Dallas and Mrs. Jennings Saturday.

Miss Trula Maud Jetton of Plainview, Texas and Miss Mae Gilbert of Albuquerque, New Mexico were guests of Miss Eloyse Cook last week.

It is said that a local man, H. Monroe Helm, has invented a cooling system that is superior to anything on the market.

Miss Alma Lee Parish who underwent a major operation in the All Saints hospital in Fort Worth on Aug. 14, is recovering rapidly to return to her home soon.

Mr. M. M. Baits, with the Humble Oil and Refining Co., was in Decatur first of the week, looking over the situation in Wise county and checking up on the oil condition. Mr. Baits has headquarters in Wichita Falls.

Mrs. A. V. Huff of Little Rock, Ark. Mrs. Herbert Mayer and daughter, Rosemary from St. Louis are visiting in the home of Mrs. M. P. Jeffers and daughter, Mrs. Faye Shaw.

Mrs. M. P. Jeffers, Mrs. Faye Shaw, Miss Lela Mann, Mrs. A. V. Huff and daughter, Rosemary, and Mrs. Herbert Mayer were visitors at the Ponder rodeo Saturday night.

Miss Mary Ruth Fowler has returned from a two weeks trip to New York, during which time she attended the World's Fair. Miss Fowler also won first prize in a hat contest on the boat she went to New York on. Her hat was made of suede belt, a pair of stuffed gloves and a cigarette.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Rieger are heading a party visiting Carlsbad Cavern. When Jack invited the editor to go along, and we declined, saying the cavern might cave in while we were in the hole, he said, "at that, you won't miss much."

Mrs. Irene Garrison of Fort Worth visited here over the week-end.

Mr. Fred Thomsen of Wichita Falls visited here over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tolland and daughter, Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. Judson Petty and son, Tully, of Fort Worth, visited their parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. J. Petty here Sunday.

If you patronize the Lions Club Carnival in Decatur, you are doing good for a charitable cause. The money received at this show will go to assist some boy or girl in school, purchase glasses for someone who has failing eye-sight, or some crippled child. Attend the carnival and help a good cause.

Mr. and Mrs. Sims of San Antonio, were visiting here this week. Mrs. Sims, was before her marriage, Miss Johnnie Stone of this city. Mr. Sims is a member of the army medical corps in San Antonio, and has been a soldier for a number of years, recently re-enlisting.

The Lord bestowed upon us a two-fold blessing Sunday; a gracious rain fell to refresh the earth that was parching from the summer heat. Tho the weather unfavorable, we had good attendance at all services, 174 in 10 a. m. Bible classes.

The pastor delivered two impressive Gospel messages. At the morning hour, portions of the 16th and 18th chapters of Matt. were used as a scripture lesson. Text, Mat. 18-11. "For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost." Full significance of the word, LOST, was emphasized. What does it mean to be eternally lost? It means to be cast into a Devil's hell," into the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, where the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever."

Lesson for evening message, Rom. chapter 4, text last verse: "Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification." What does it mean to be JUSTIFIED? Just the opposite of what it means to be LOST. It means to be cleaned and purified from all our sins, fitted for an entrance into eternal glory to abide forever with Christ our Lord. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost."

At evening service Fate Mason was converted; his sister, a backslider, having never joined the church, was reclaimed, and both joined the church for baptism. Baptizing Thursday night at close of prayer meeting. Missionary Baptist Bible Study class meets every Tuesday at 3 p. m. Pastor teaching.

Revival meeting to begin next Sunday. Bro. Gilbert Wilson will be here with his gospel tent and it will be erected Saturday morning. First service in the tent, prayer meeting Saturday night. Cottage prayer meetings held nightly through the week. Adult classes of Sunday school will meet Sunday 10 a. m. in the Gospel tent.

Attend all these meetings and let us pray much for an outpouring of Holy Spirit in great power and that many lost souls may be brought to Christ and saved.

J. E. BOYD, Rep.

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Baptist Church

Pastor R. E. Bell returned last Friday from a revival meeting with the Valley View Baptist church, which is located in the oil field, 14 miles north of Nocona. This is a full time country church of about 150 members, and Bro. Albert McClellan, a graduate of Decatur college is the pastor. The meeting resulted in 22 additions to the church, 20 for baptism and a community wide revival. Night services were held on the church lawn and large crowds attended.

A Sunday school study course is in progress at the local church this week. Prof. Lee teaching a class in "Building a Standard Sunday School." This is the first step of our school in reaching the standard by Oct. 1st. The First Baptist church has a challenging program laid out for the next few months. The debt of our Sunday school building is to be paid by October 1st. Our Sunday school is to become standard by that date, a budget campaign is to be conducted during October, and an evangelistic meeting will probably be held in the college and in the church during October. Also within the next twelve months we hope to purchase a musical instrument, either piano or organ, for the church. This splendid program can be carried through successfully by the cooperation of all the members.

There were 200 in Sunday school last Sunday and good congregations present at morning and evening preaching services. We are working for 300 in Sunday school by the opening of college, September 13.

R. E. BELL, Pastor.

The Catholic Church

Announcements

Summer Schedule of Services

Decatur, Texas

Holy Mass is celebrated on all Sundays and Holy Days of obligation throughout the year, in Decatur.

Time: On the first (1st.), second (2nd.), and third (3rd.) Sundays of each month, at seven thirty a. m. On the fourth (4th.) Sunday of each month at nine thirty a. m. Fifth Sundays and Holy Days shall be announced as they come along.

Bridgeport, Texas

Holy Mass is celebrated on three Sundays of each month in Bridgeport.

Time: On the first (1st.), and third (3rd.) Sundays at nine thirty a. m. on the fourth (4th.) Sunday at seven thirty a. m. No Mass on the second Sunday of each month. Fifth Sundays and Holy Days will be announced as they come along. Evening services will be held in Bridgeport on each second Sunday of the month, at seven thirty p. m.

REV. ED. J. DEVERS, Pastor.

The Methodist Church

The Friendly Church

In the Friendly Town

For the sake of variety, we are giving you a short write-up this week, and are simply saying: The Methodists had a good day last Sunday, and next Sunday is Missionary Day. Come on time, and bring others with you. Pastor promises a sermon that will inform, uplift and inspire.

OUTLER D. GOSE, Supt.

Every square inch of the sun radiates energy sufficient to drive a 62-horsepower engine.

Look Into A Mirror

By Mary Ruth Fowler

I've just returned from a trip to the New York World's Fair and haven't completely settled to normal yet from seeing such beautiful displays of modern living. After seeing such exhibits we really want to extend our lives into the World of Tomorrow.

I visited the Beauty Shoppe of Tomorrow which leaves no service unnoticed to give the patron every benefit of her money. The hairstyles were very short, which will extend into the fall and winter. The movie actresses are cutting their hair and as the actresses go, so goes the nation.

Norma Shearer and Jean Crawford, glamorous pace-setters of film and fashions, wear new short hairdos in their starring roles in "The Women."

Gone are the long bobs which touched their shoulders, and in their place reign delightfully curly, flattering and distinctly shortened coiffures designed for them by Sidney Guilaroff, MGM hair stylist. Following the lead of the two stars, most of the 135 actresses who constitute the supporting cast of "The Women" are seen in variations of the short hair mode.

Before you make any arrangements for your fall permanent, remember that once it is done, you will have to live with it for about six months. You can not undo a bad permanent until a new hair growth is well on its way. Remember, too, that skill is a tremendous factor in the success of a permanent and that cheap materials are a detriment. Do some investigating before you start out. Do some comparison shopping and you will have the assurance of a good permanent, the kind of a permanent well worth the expenditure of your time and money.

By the way, we encourage our customers to ask our advice on all questions and will give to the best of our knowledge all answers truthfully.

In order to create new interest in Texas' growing livestock industry, special tickets, good only for judging days will be issued by the 51st State Fair of Texas, Oct. 7 to 22. This judging will be the most informative bit of livestock lore that has ever been presented in the state.

The Parade of the Queens, an elaborate pageant, in which will participate some fifty Texas beauties and their retinues, will feature the opening day of the 51st state fair of Texas, Oct. 7. At night, the Queen of Queens will be crowned in a free ceremonial in the Cotton Bowl, the winner receiving a free screen test in Hollywood.

Each Friday of the 51st State fair of Texas, October 7 to 22, will be turned over to the children and will be their special days. The first Friday will be for the elementary children, and the second Friday for the high school students.

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News Notes from Rural Communities in Wise County

Lone Mound News

Mr. and Mrs. George Elson of Pampa spent the week-end with relatives of this community.

Mrs. Ollie Berry of Grandfield, Oklahoma, spent a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. Glybert.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hand are visiting her mother in Hamilton county.

Fred Wooten of Electra is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. A. Stone.

Mr. and Mrs. Broe Ray spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Schoat.

Mr. Roberson of Lubbock is visiting Mr. G. B. Bowman.

Mrs. E. R. Raley and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Phillips and little son of the Foster community spent awhile Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Farrington.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Stone spent a part of last week in Electra.

Greenwood News

Mr. Dallas Richardson and family of Mineral Wells, who have been visiting in Colorado, visited Mr. William Richardson and friends here last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harris of Allen Reed, Texas, visited relatives and friends here last week.

Mr. Lawrence Williams, from Whitesboro, Oklahoma, visited his brother, Luther, and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stroud and Son, Jimmy, were in Dallas, recently.

Misses Mary Frances and Emogene Ton of Lubbock are visiting Mrs. J. W. Rowden and Laura Vermillion.

Dan Cupid cut some capers in Greenwood Saturday. Mr. Richard Kingsley and Miss Evelyn Myers were married about 5:00 p. m. at the home of the groom in the presence of a few relatives and friends, then later J. P. Howard and Miss Maxine Freeman of Newharp were married. We wish these happy couples a long, happy and a successful married life.

Mr. and Mrs. John Whedock of Silverton, Texas have been visiting friends and relatives here the past week.

Mr. Fred Milligan is in Glen Rose at this writing, for his health.

STATE HIGHWAY NOTES

Austin, Texas, August 23.—Recently an electrical instrument for determining natural formations of the earth to depths of 100 feet or more below the ground surface has been developed by the public roads administration. The state highway department has been experimenting with the use of this instrument in Texas for locating hidden deposits of caliche, gravel and rock, suitable for pavement base courses, and is effecting economies thru the use of it. Hidden deposits of suitable materials have been found adjacent to construction projects, and where they were not previously known to exist. This instrument, with its accessories, is as easily transported as an engineer's transit or level, and with practice can be operated rapidly.

Examples of savings which have been made with the aid of this electrical resistivity instrument are as follows:

1. In one district a search by digging test holes had uncovered no suitable material in the vicinity of the project and it appeared that base material would have to be hauled quite a long distance. A search then was started with the electrical resistivity instrument and a large deposit of suitable material was located only one-half mile from the highway project. It is estimated that \$5,150.00 in haul was saved by the finding of this local deposit with the electrical instrument.

2. On another construction project the nearest known deposits of gravel for pavement base course was 10 miles from the job. Subsurface explorations with the electrical resistivity instrument revealed an abundance of concealed good road gravel 2 miles from the highway. The difference between the cost of the 10 mile gravel haul and the 2 mile haul was \$1,150.00 per mile of highway to be built.

3. During the latter part of 1938, 200,000 cubic yards of base material were located in a county where such material had been very scarce, and a material saving was effected over the cost of shipping materials from another source.

The state highway department is having trouble of its own because of drought conditions in various parts of the state. It is necessary to have water to properly compact caliche, iron ore, gravel and base courses, and with the dry weather, causing and added expense in construction. The dust hazard on construction work cre-

ates additional hazard where material is being hauled, and around stone and caliche crushing plants. When traffic is proceeding over roads under repairs, motorists are urged to reduce speed and proceed carefully as a protection to themselves and to workmen on the road.

Stores Pay Big Taxes to Operate

Dallas, Texas, August 23.—An amount equal to over 60 per cent (average) of their earned profits was paid by 138 leading chain store companies of all sizes, all types, in taxes for 1937. Charles B. Roberts, president of the Texas chain stores association, announced today. These tax payments, which amounted to 2.94 per cent (average) of total sales were quoted from a compilation by the Institute of Distribution, Inc., and supplied to Roberts, whose official du-

ties cover the Southwest as field officer for Sears, Roebuck and Co. The survey was conducted by Institute of Distribution, Inc., and four other associations of chain stores. Findings were certified by the public accounting firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company.

Total dollar sales of the reporting companies were \$3,485,129,762 and their combined payrolls were \$511,055,858.

For every employee, \$215 was paid in taxes for government; for every store, \$3,108 was paid in taxes.

Roberts said that "out of every dollar of the sales of reporting chain food stores the government took .179 for taxes, while average net profit of these reporting companies was 1.12." Roberts quoted Ward Melville, chairman of the Institute of Distribution, as saying that "this latest comprehensive survey constitutes an effective answer to those who believe that the chains do not bear their full share

of the tax burden." Mr. Melville added that whereas most types of individually-owned stores average less than 1 per cent of their total sales as against an average of 2.94 per cent of sales by their chain store competitors, chain store companies are asked to pay every conceivable type of levy that can be imposed on retail business, as shown by the fact that one typical company, included in the survey, had on its books, records of payment of 200 different taxes, not of course, including the substantial additional taxes that, like its chain store competitors, it indirectly paid thru higher rentals.

The results of tax surveys comparing taxes paid by chains and independents, made in forty-seven typical, widely-scattered communities in ten different states by such impartial impartial experts as Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery; Eberle Economic Service; the Tax Research Bureau, and

other similar organizations, revealed that the chains and their independent competitors were practically on even terms in Glendale and Pomona, California, and Muskogee, Oklahoma, but were separated by differences amounting to as much as 300 per cent and 400 per cent in greater chain store tax payments in Grand Rapids and Saginaw, Michigan and in Schenectady, New York.

There were 5,816 Texas 4-H club boys engaged in pig raising projects in 1938.

New York and San Francisco were first linked by long distance telephone in 1915.

There have been approximately 1,500 biographers of Abraham Lincoln.

The colors of Carnegie Tech are red, yellow, green and blue.

Cardiff, England, holds the record among British cities for large families. The city has six couples with 20 or more children, and more than 20 couples with between 15 and 20 youngsters.

Poppies were associated with the battlefields of Europe hundreds of years before the world war.

Only Germany, Austria, Norway and Sweden have a lower birthrate than England and Wales.

On the average, February is the best rainy month of the year in London.

A garden growing without soil will be a feature of the Agricultural Show at the 1939 State Fair of Texas, Oct. 7 to 22. Flowers, vegetables, field crops will be shown growing in water or under the Hydroponic system of cultivation. Chemurgy will also be a feature of the agricultural show.

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Home May Be
Changed in Austin

By Nugent Ezekiel Brown
Austin, Texas, Aug. 15.—Delegates to the annual convention of the Department of Texas of the American Legion to be held at Waco on August 26-28 will have an opportunity to help spread the work toward raising funds to "rehabilitate" the Confederate Home property in Austin to make it a home for veterans of all wars.

The 46th legislature, by special statute, voted to open the Home to ex-service men and women of all wars but could not deed the property to the United States government for operation by the Veterans Bureau for the simple reason the property belongs to the Daughters of the Confederacy and the John B. Hood Camp, U. C. V. While actual operation of the Home will be under the Board of Control, yet, the state cannot vote funds to repair the buildings, which cost will total about \$250,000. In order to get federal aid, a "sponsor" fund must be raised by the veterans organizations.

Dr. C. H. Brownlee of Austin, coordinator of the "Veterans Home Central Council," an organization formed for the purpose, announced at a meeting of veterans at the Home this week that "three of the veterans organizations, the V. F. W.'s and the D. A. V.'s and the Spanish American War group, already have subscribed about \$25,000 toward the sponsor fund which must be \$100,000 or more."

"These three organizations have set the example, points out Dr. Brownlee. This leaves it up to the Legion, the largest group, to take similar action at Waco. The 10th District convention of the Legion went on record asking the state department to allot a comparable appropriation, the amount to be around \$75,000 as that will be only three dollars for each paid up member. Back in 1921, the Legion raised \$117,000 with a state wide tag day sale, for the purpose of establishing the legion hospital at Kerrville. The federal government, after taking over the hospital, paid the Legion \$120,000, which fund is \$145,000. Since this money was raised originally for hospitalization purposes, why cannot part of it be used for the sponsor fund for conversion of the Confederate Home into a modern fire proof set of buildings? This question will be put up squarely to the legionnaires at the Waco convention for their decision."

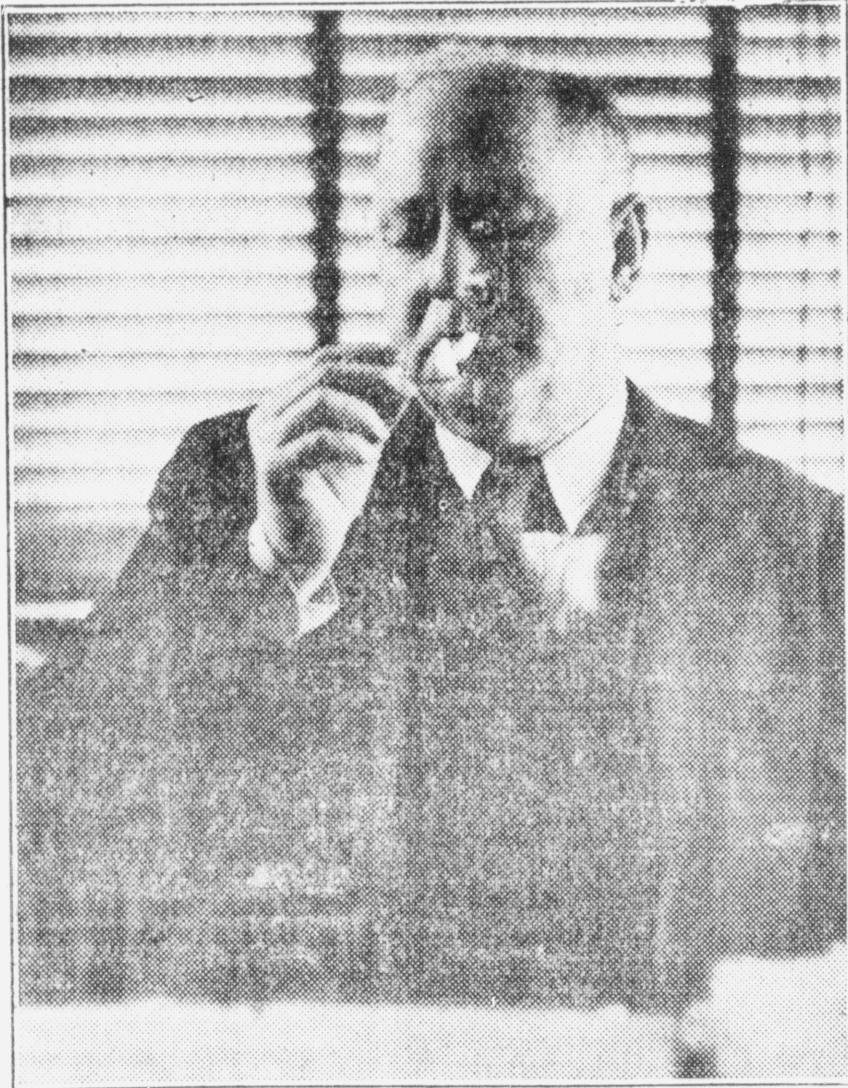
During the time of King Henry VIII, of England, royal command required a copy of the Bible printed in English to be deposited in every church.

The gas industry is one of the oldest public utilities in the United States.

The oldest musical instrument the world has ever known is the flute. This instrument, back in cave dweller days was fashioned from the hollow leg bones of birds and other animals.

At the end of June the total of social security numbers was 44,727,520.

Soil Chief Praises Course in Conservation
Launched at State Teachers College, Denton



Denton, Texas, August 23.—The farmer and ranchman have the cut for soil destruction by wind and water in the palm of their hands, but the voices of all citizens can determine the success or failure of a conservation program to save our soil heritage for future generations. Dr. H. H. Bennett, chief of the Soil Conservation Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, said in a statement just issued commending the value of courses in conservation given this summer at North Texas State Teachers College and nine other Texas institutions of higher learning.

The conservation course given last year at North Texas Teachers college was the first college course of its kind ever offered in the United States. This year, NTSTC repeated the course and nine other Texas schools cooperated in giving the same instruction.

CLASSIFIED ADVS

FOR SALE—Gas cook stove, bedstead, small book case, fruit jars, awnings and banjo-ukelele.—Mrs. Lillie Hoyle. 34-11

PIANO WANTED—Will buy a good used piano at a reasonable price.—Write, call or see Ray Casey at Stevenson Grocery, Decatur, Texas.

SURGE Milking machines, coolers and Melotte cream separators.—T. W. Long, Box 2143, Ft. Worth, Texas. 9-7-39

FOR SALE—Two nice two-room houses and lots for sale or trade. Terms, payments.—See Terrel McQuinn, Decatur. 8-24-39

FOR SALE—We have stored in Decatur one Baby Grand piano, also one Spinet Console and a medium sized upright piano, would sell for the balance against them rather than ship.—Jackson Finance Co., 1101 Elm St., Dallas, Texas. 8-24-39

MEN OLD AT 40—Get pep. New Oster Tonic Tablets contain raw oyster invigorators and other stimulants. One dose starts new pep. Costs little. Call, write, Renfro Drug store. 11

The designing of coins reached its highest artistry during the reign of Alexander the Great, when recognized artists made coin designs and were permitted to sign them.

To announce to the people that their bread was finished and ready for sale, 14th century bakers blew horns.

Eugene O'Neill, famous playwright, does most of his writing propped up in bed during the morning.

It is thought that the glove industry first was established in Niort, France, in 1277.

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WHY
Humble Oil & Refining Co.
Reduced the Price of Crude

This statement is published as a paid advertisement by Humble Oil & Refining Company for the benefit of those who are interested and not acquainted with the facts.

On August 11 the Humble Company posted reductions in the prices at which it purchased crude oil in Texas and New Mexico by amounts ranging from 5c to 32c per barrel, and averaging 18.5c per barrel. In view of the fact that this action on our part has been severely criticized before the public, we outline below the facts and reasons on which it was based:

1. On August 1 the quantities of crude oil listed below, aggregating 218,920 barrels daily in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, were moving to market at prices substantially below the Humble's postings for similar crudes:

AREA	BBLS. DAY
Texas—	
West Central	37,000
Gulf Coast	22,600
Southwest	16,900
East Central	12,800
East Texas Field	6,850
Panhandle	1,500
Total Texas	97,650
South Louisiana	81,920
North Louisiana and Arkansas	39,350
Total	218,920

2. The amount of crude moving below Humble's postings was greatly increased when on August 10 the Sinclair-Prairie Company posted a reduction of 20c per barrel affecting the oil produced and purchased by it in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas, which action was followed immediately by reductions in the price made by a number of smaller purchasers. These reductions applied to more than 150,000 barrels of oil. This, added to that mentioned in the preceding paragraph, equals 368,000 barrels. In the three States in which Humble operates, Texas, New Mexico, and Louisiana, the aggregate volume of oil moving below Humble's prices approximated 17 1/2% of the total current production in those States.

3. The movement of constantly increasing quantities over the past year or more of crude produced in the new Illinois fields, reaching a total of 300,000 barrels daily on August 1, on a price basis substantially lower than Humble's postings in its territory, exerted a progressively depressing effect on the crude oil market. The effect was felt in Texas; and actually since April 1 Humble has lost 10,000 barrels per day of business absorbed by Illinois crude. This loss of business was in addition to that lost by Humble as a result of the movement of crude at low prices in the territory where we operate.

4. On August 11, therefore, the total volume of oil moving at prices below those of the Humble was approximately 668,000 barrels.

5. The crude oil market has been under pressure for more than a year. The price adjustments made last October did not remove fully the disparity between Humble's prices and those of some oil moving in its markets. Since that time the volumes of crude moving below our prices have increased steadily, with the result that when the reductions of Sinclair-Prairie and others came on August 10, affecting approximately 150,000 barrels of crude per day, conditions were so bad that we were compelled to reduce our prices to meet this competition. In no case are our new postings lower than the Sinclair-Prairie postings for similar crudes.

6. The Humble Company is primarily a producer of oil. Its crude oil properties constitute its principal asset. Its net production averages 133,000 barrels a day. We are also crude oil merchants and purchase, at our posted prices, 251,000 barrels of crude oil daily in Texas and New Mexico. These prices also govern the price at which we sell the oil which we produce. Because of our large production we are vitally interested in the maintenance of fair prices.

Our refineries consume something near the amount of oil which we produce. As a consequence, with respect to our purchases we are in the same position as a merchant dealing in any commodity. To continue in business, we can not over a long period of time pay higher prices than our competitors. We are compelled to meet competition. The price of oil, like that of other commodities, is subject to change with market conditions. These are simple and fundamental business principles. We were reluctant to cut the price of crude, not alone because of its adverse effect on our own earnings, but also because of its effect on our customers and upon the industry and the state at large. Under these circumstances, we could not continue to pay the prices we had been paying.

7. As a matter of policy the Humble Company maintains stocks of crude oil very slightly in excess of the amount required as working stocks to carry on operations. We do not believe in storage of oil above ground but in production of oil currently as required for market. We do not speculate in oil. We have no desire to buy oil at any price to accumulate for storage.

8. We think the price for oil brought about by the competitive conditions above mentioned is lower than should be realized. In our opinion the flood of oil from Illinois and Louisiana, most of which is being produced wastefully, in violation of conservation principles, is primarily responsible for the market conditions which necessitated our price reductions. It is our hope that these conditions will be corrected and that the market will improve.

H. C. WIESS, President
HUMBLE OIL & REFINING CO.

Farmers Exchange

Free to Wise County Farmers

In this column each week will appear a list of articles for exchange or sale by Wise county FARMERS. These advertisements which will include farm produce, livestock, farm machinery and supplies, will be inserted free by the Messenger for Farmers. In the column many bargains can be found each week. Advertisers are asked to advise the Messenger immediately when property is disposed of.

FOR SALE—Good seed wheat, Tenmarq variety, and Bailey barley; also good seed oats. Decatur, Texas.—R. L. Bennett. 34

FOR SALE—150 cows and calves. Hereford breeding, will sell any number; 700 Ramboulett ewes, bred to black faced bucks to bring lambs in November and December; priced according to age; will sell or trade any number for cattle or other sheep and horses and mules at my ranch, Rhome Texas. Phone 7.—Sam E. Ross. 33

FOR SALE—Five nice shoats, weigh around 90 pounds.—Mrs. J. C. Davis. 34

FOR SALE OR TRADE—My grist mill and gasoline engine. Grinds corn meal, whole wheat flour and corn chops. See it at Mr. G. W. Foster yard, O. H. Hobbs. 33

FOR SALE OR TRADE—1931 sport phaeton Ford, with 6 wire wheels, two miles S. W. of city, Decatur Rte. 1.—Ralph Rhine. 33

FOR TRADE—Have '33 Chevrolet pick-up, want to trade for cows. Decatur, Rte. 1.—See L. W. Dickenson. 32

FOR SALE—Wild Daisy Poultry Farm, 61 acres, 8 miles south of Decatur, Rte. 1. Good 4 room house, two new wells, new 50-foot combination barn, poultry houses, 3 1/2 acres orchard and berries. Farm fenced into different tracts with two calf and hog pastures. Small cash payment, cattle, car, or good truck. First loan note due six years away, second loan note payable \$30 every six months with semi-annual interest. Close to Flatwoods church and new highway. This is a real home, I am blind and must sell it.—T. E. Jones, Water Valley, Texas. 32

FOR SALE—My farm of 160 acres located 6 miles east of Decatur on highway 24, which is new and the best in the state; 65 acres in cultivation, balance in grass and good heavy timber, 30 acres fenced hog proof, good 6 room house, barn and out buildings. Sweet Water creek running through with plenty of fine water all the year. Well and windmill with always an abundance of good water. Always tons of gravel and sand for building concrete, near church and a two-teacher school joins farm, four acres of pecan grove and a good neighborhood. Rte. 4, Decatur, Texas.—J. L. Watson. 32

FOR SALE—Grapes at the vineyard, 50c per bushel, can load truck. North of cemetery, 3 miles north of Decatur. Fred Hatched. 32

PEACHES FOR SALE—At my orchard, 3 miles west of Rhome. Old fashioned Indian and other good white and yellow fleshed cling varieties. Plenty for you at 75c per bushel.—J. E. Rhome, Tex., Rte. 1, Box 10. 31

FOR SALE—One good young Jersey bull, from a good grade milk cow.—G. K. Taylor. 31

FOR SALE—2 wheel trailer, one riding cultivator, 6,000 new brick, 2 joints well casing, one smooth mouth mare, several other things, too many to mention.—See G. K. Taylor or Earl Mooney. 31

FOR SALE—79-acre farm 5 miles southwest of Decatur on Rte. 1, small 2-room house, small barn and well of water with pump. It is in the loan and will be easily handled.—See G. K. Taylor or Earl Mooney. 31

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One good 150 pound capacity refrigerator and one Home Comfort range stove, priced low. Paradise, Texas.—Mrs. T. P. Read. 32

FOR SALE—Triple A White Rock cockerels, prize winners for sale at \$1.50 each while they last. Boyd, Tex. Rte. 1.—M. S. J. D. Leatherwood. 32

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Whose Bondslave Are You?

Text—But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered to you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.—Romans 6:17, 18.

The English Word "servants" is translated from a Greek word which literally means "bondslaves." The Greek word in turn comes from a word meaning "to blind." Thus a person bound to another is that other

person's bondslave.

There are two Greek words which refer to a slave. One speaks of a person captured in war. The other refers to a person born into slavery. The second is used here. Every one born into this world is born into slavery to sin. Out text tells us that. We serve our master, Satan. We are his bondslaves. Thus we enter upon our bondslavery to sin through our first birth.

If we are to serve God, we must become His bondslaves. But we cannot be His bondslaves unless we have a nature that loves Him and His holiness, and that loves to serve Him. And to get a nature like that we must be born again; and not only again, but we must be born from above, born of God. Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." (John 3:7). But to be born again, we must receive Jesus as our personal Saviour, for John tells us, that "to as many as received him, to them gave he the right to become born of God, even to as many as believe on his name."

Again, the Greek word, "bondslave" refers to a slave who is bound to his master in a relationship which only death can break. Before salvation, the sinner is bound to Satan, and he cannot loose himself from the bonds. But when he puts his faith in Jesus Christ as his Saviour, he becomes united to Christ, and thus finds that he was identified with Him in His death on the cross. The believing sinner by dying with Christ (Rom. 6:4) has been freed from his slavery to Satan. Now he is a loving, willing bondslave for

Jesus, and that blessed place of service will always be his, for Christ is the believer's life. Thus believers are bondslaves of Christ for time and eternity.

Again, the Greek word meaning "bondslave" refers to a slave whose will is swallowed up in the will of another. Before salvation, our wills were swallowed up in the will of Satan. We were his willing slaves. Paul tells us in Ephesians 2:1-2 that we "were dead in trespasses and sins, where in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air." But after being born again, of the Holy Spirit, we become bondslaves of Jesus Christ, having a nature, the divine nature (11 Peter 2:4), which causes our wills to be swallowed up in the sweet will of God.

The Greek word for bondslave means also, "one who serves another to the disregard of his own interests. All the wages which we ever received from him were sorrow, heartache, misfortune, death. Since we have been saved, are we serving Jesus Christ to the disregard of our own interests? Are we serving Him just up to the point where to go further would interfere with our own convenience and ease? Or are we burning out our lives in sacrificial earnest service in His name?"

Whose bondslave are you. If you have been born just once, the Bible says that you are Satan's bondslave. If you have been born again, from above, thru faith in Jesus Christ as your own personal saviour, the Bible

says that you are a bondslave of Jesus Christ and a child of God.

Check up on yourself just now, and if you have never been born again, won't you, recognizing yourself as a lost sinner, believe that Christ died for your sins, and then put your faith in Him as your saviour? Don't put this off. Delay is most dangerous. This may be your last opportunity.

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